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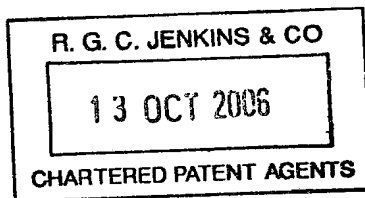
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### Communication pursuant to Article 96(2) EPC

The examination of the above-identified application has revealed that it does not meet the requirements of the European Patent Convention for the reasons enclosed herewith. If the deficiencies indicated are not rectified the application may be refused pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

You are invited to file your observations and insofar as the deficiencies are such as to be rectifiable, to correct the indicated deficiencies within a period

**of 4 months**

from the notification of this communication, this period being computed in accordance with Rules 78(2) and 83(2) and (4) EPC.

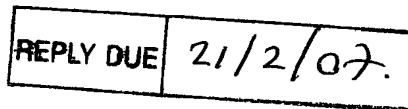
One set of amendments to the description, claims and drawings is to be filed within the said period on separate sheets (Rule 36(1) EPC).

**Failure to comply with this invitation in due time will result in the application being deemed to be withdrawn (Article 96(3) EPC).**



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Enclosure(s): 2 page/s reasons (Form 2906)  
US6028537  
EP1118837

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The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**:

**Description, Pages**

2, 5-34	as originally filed			
1, 1, 3, 4	received on	20.09.2006	with letter of	18.09.2006

**Claims, Numbers**

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**Drawings, Sheets**

1/8-8/8	as originally filed
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1. The applicant's letter of reply dated 18/09/2006 will be referred to as A1. The communication dated 26/05/2006 from the examining division will be referred to as C1.
2. The examining division welcomes the amendment of the claims which clarifies the object of the application. However, the present application does not meet the requirements of Article 52(1) EPC, because the subject-matter of claims 1, 15 is still not new in the sense of Article 54(1) and (2) EPC.
  - 2.1 Documents US6028537 (D5) and EP1118837 (D6) (a copy is sent in annexes) are both dealing with the problem of mobile communication systems used for information access, based on the location of the mobile device, and they both disclose the possibility to use speech recognition (see i.a. D5, fig. 5, 45 and accompanying text and D6 paragraphs 18-19).

Although the dynamic building of speech recognition grammars is not explicitly mentioned, it is implicit if one wants to use a spoken interface.
  - 2.2 All the necessary steps for actively building speech recognition grammars are also widely known to the skilled person and are readily available in the prior art. Would the applicant contest the lack of novelty of the subject-matter of claims 1 and 15, it would then still be lacking an inventive step in the sense of Article 56 EPC in view of D5 or D6.



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Also, as stated in A1, the subject-matter of the claims differs from the teaching of D1 in that it is applied to a mobile communication device, and that the speech recognition grammar is built according to the location of the device. The skilled person willing to apply the method known from D1 to mobile phones (D1 already foresee this with dedicated acoustic models), would find in D5 or D6 the missing features and would combine them without any inventive skill.

- 2.3 The dependent claims 2-14, 16-27 do not contain any additional inventive feature in view of D1-6.
3. At least some of the objections raised above are such that there appears to be no possibility of overcoming them by amendment. Refusal of the application under Article 97(1) EPC is therefore to be expected, or, if the applicant maintains his request, oral proceedings will take place.